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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, December 4,  
1823, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson**

Washington Decr. 4. 1823

Dear Sir

I now forward to you a copy of the message, more legible than that which sent by the last mail. I have concurr'd throughly with the sentiments expressd in your late letter, as I am persuaded you will find by the message, as to the part wrought to act, toward the allied powers, in regard to So. America, I consider the cause of that country as essentially our own. That the crisis is fully as menacing as has been supposed is confird by recent communications from another quarter, with which I will make you acquainted in my next. The most unpleasant circumstance in these communications is, that Mr. Canning's zeal has much abated of late. Whether this process from the unwillingness of his govt. to recognize the new govts. or from offers made to it by the allied powers to seduce it, into their scale, we know not. We shall nevertheless be on our guard, against any contingency. Very respectfully and sincerely yours James Monroe

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